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PASSING OF CDR MAXWELL H. "MAX" ANDERSON, DC, USN, RETIRED

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The Navy Dental Corps lost a timeless member with the passing of CDR Max Anderson on October 28, 2013 at his home in Sequim, Washington. Max remained a warrior to the end of his four year battle with cancer.

Max was born in Lincoln, Nebraska during the height of World War II. He never had a chance to know his father as his father died while deployed to the far east while serving to "fly the hump" into China. Max's own service to our nation began with his enlistment into the Navy in 1963. Max served in submarines and was a qualified reactor operator for four years aboard USS ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600). It was while serving in Groton, CT in 1968 that he met his life-long partner in Suzanne Fontaine. They were married in 1968.



Max left the Navy in 1970 as an IC1 to return to college and pursue his desire to become a dentist. He graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry in 1976 and was accepted as a General Practice Resident at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. He was then assigned to the USS RALEIGH (LPD-1) for two years. Following a tour at NAS Brunswick Max was selected to attend the University of Michigan for a Masters degree in Operative Dentistry. Tours at NDC San Diego, where many AEGD's fell under his spell, to his final tour at the Naval Dental School Bethesda, Max showed his deep dedication and devotion to superb dental care emphasizing both restorative and preventive strategies to enhance the oral health of our Sailors and Marines. While at Bethesda Max served as the Specialty Leader for Operative Dentistry.

Max retired from the Navy in 1990 to become a member of the dental faculty at the University of Washington. During this time Max also served as the Editor of the Journal of Operative Dentistry. In 1994, and for the next 10 years, Max was Vice President and Dental Director of Washington Dental Service. While there he developed the then largest dental data warehouse to provide information to all Delta Dental companies and to various dental specialty groups. In 2005, Max cofounded C3Jian, Inc with Dr. Wenyuan Shi of UCLA with the initial goal of developing a cure for dental caries using a strategy of targeting specific pathogens. Max was innovative, devoted, determined and dedicated to each and every endeavor. He was ever available to his residents and he always valued his time in the Navy.

Max is survived by his wife of 45 years, Suzanne, son Erik and daughter Morgan Nicole.

Donations may be made to: Assured Hospice of Clallam & Jefferson Counties of Washington; Sequim Food Bank; and Moving Toward Independence, Napa, CA.

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